

May 8, 1985

LB 406

Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion is to readvance LB 406 from Select File. All those in favor of the motion say aye. Opposed no. The motion carried. The bill is readvanced.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a second motion to return the bill for specific amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hoagland, go ahead.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. President, colleagues, you all have been delivered a letter on your desks this morning by John Boyer, an attorney in Omaha, who represents the Norwich-Eaton Pharmaceutical Company and the letter thoroughly explains what this amendment does. Attached to the letter is a letter addressed to me from Dr. Wright, Director of the Department of Health, indicating that it is in the public interest for us to adopt the amendment. Briefly what this amendment does is it reduces from a Schedule II to a Schedule V drug to match a similar reduction done by means of federal regulation a drug that this corporation would like to experiment with for purposes of advancement of medical science, and unfortunately you will recall earlier this session we passed a bill sponsored by Senator Lynch which reclassified a number of drugs. That was LB 323 but the federal government reclassified this bill...this particular drug too late for us to include it in LB 323. We are asking that the body allow us to use LB 406 as a vehicle for reclassifying this particular drug for the reasons set out in this lengthy letter attaching a letter from Dr. Wright that you have had distributed on your desks this morning. With that, Mr. President, I would ask the adoption or the return of LB 406 for purposes of adopting this specific amendment which is printed as Amendment 748 in the Final Reading bill book.

PRESIDENT: The motion is to return LB 406 to Select File for this specific amendment. Is there discussion? If not, all those in favor of returning the bill vote aye, opposed vote nay. The motion is to return 406 to Select File for a specific amendment. Have you all voted? The Clerk will record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to return the bill, Mr. President.